

to rural and agricultural challenges for more than 100 years. Since 1991, our foundation has been a leader forming and assisting cooperatives of all types. Our Cooperative Development Center, created in 1996, has used funding from Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) awarded each year by USDA-Rural Development to support our cooperative development work in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. In the Center's 15 years we have helped design, develop, incorporate and manage more than a hundred cooperatives, many of them, like Mountain States, still thriving. We continue to seek out and assist individuals and groups with ideas that may become the next successful cooperative venture.

As you can see, cooperatives have had a significant role in shaping the Wyoming agricultural landscape. We celebrate that role each year in October. RMFU and our Co-op Center will ensure that the role of co-ops will be important for years to come, and we will strive to enhance that role wherever possible.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3639. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report responding to House Report 111-491, page 317, to accompany H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 relative to spectrum sharing issues for parts of the spectrum under control of the Department of Defense (DoD) related to micro-stimulators; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3640. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the termination of the Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) Ground Mobile Radio (GMR) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3641. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recovery of Delinquent Debts—Treasury Offset Program Enhancements" (RIN0960-AH19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3642. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amend-

ments to Procedures for Certain Determinations and Decisions" (RIN0960-AG72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3643. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States—Oman Free Trade Agreement" ((RIN1515-AD68)(CBP Dec. 11-19)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3644. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Postponement of Certain Hybrid Plan Regulations; Special Timing Rule for Section 204(h) Notice" (Notice No. 2011-85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3645. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures" (RIN1990-AA34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3646. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a report entitled "Draft Strategic Plan: Fiscal Years 2012-2016"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3647. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3322-EM in the State of Louisiana having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3648. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design-Basis Hurricane and Hurricane Missiles for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.221) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3649. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Testing of Certain High Production Volume Chemicals; Third Group of Chemicals" (FRL No. 8885-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3650. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Rule—Compliance Date Amendment for Farms" (FRL No. 9681-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3651. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives: Alternative Test Method for Olefins in

Gasoline" (FRL No. 9482-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3652. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Division of Safety Systems Interim Staff Guidance DSS-ISG-2010-01" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3653. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; 2008 San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 Plan and 2007 State Strategy" (FRL No. 9482-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3654. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the periods June 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3655. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from the Ames Laboratory at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3656. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from the Y-12 facility in Oak Ridge Tennessee, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3657. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from W. R. Grace and Company in Curtis Bay, Maryland, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3658. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Food and Drug Administration's annual report on the performance evaluation of FDA-approved mammography quality standards accreditation bodies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3659. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program" (RIN1894-AA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3660. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-170 "Returning Citizens and Ex-Offender Services Reform Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3661. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-171 "Interstate Compact for Juveniles Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3662. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-172 "Community Council for